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: Examiner: Kruer, Kevin R.

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For: COMPOSITE ARTICLES HAVING DIFFUSION BARRIERS AND DEVICES  
INCORPORATING THE SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir, In response to the Examiner's requirement that election be made between the claims of Group I (claims 1-15, drawn to a composite article) and Group II (claims 16-26, drawn to a method of making a composite article), the Applicant elects without traverse the claims of Group I for prosecution at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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